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Commander Bob I. Feigenblatt Technical Program Manager U.S. Coast Guard CG-54132 2100 Second Street, SW Washington, DC 20593-0001

Dear Commander Feigenblatt:

In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) on the Future of the USCG Long Range Aids to Navigation (LORAN-C) Program (CEQ No. 20090013). The draft PEIS assesses the potential environmental impacts of a range of options associated with the future of the LORAN-C Program to end or reduce USCG management of the LORAN-C Program.

EPA believes that the draft PEIS provides an adequate discussion of the potential environmental impacts and agrees that no significant adverse environmental impacts are expected. Therefore, EPA has rated the draft PEIS as LO – "Lack of Objections." A summary of EPA's rating is attached.

We appreciate the opportunity to review the draft PEIS. The staff contact for the review is Candi Schaedle and she can be reached at (202) 564-6121.

Sincerely,

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Director

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Attachment: EPA National Rating System